S. No.	Name of the Applicant	Place
11	M/s. Shalimar Vanaspati (P) Ltd.	Srinagar
12	Shri Irshad Ahmed	Srinagar
13	Shri Bashir Ahmed	Pulwama
14	M/s. Rasoi Industries Ltd.	Samba
15	Shri A.A. Guna	Pulwama
16	Shri Mushtaq Ahmed Beg	Ganderbal
17	Shri P.L. Saraf	Jammu
18	Sheikh Abdul Rashid	Srinagar

Broad Gauge Line at Vadinar Port

*246. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government have urged the Central Government for connecting the Vadinar Port with the Broad Gauge railway line; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The State Government were advised that the Railway will be prepared to undertake survey for the proposed line to Vadinar at the cost of the Kandla Port Trust, to enable this Port to have direct BG line to serve the Port.

Non-printing of batch number of Glaxo Products

*247. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s. Glaxo Lab did not print batch numbers on many of their products during 1983-84 and after manufacturing one lakh tablets in one batch number only ten thousand tablets were shown, the rest being sold in blackmarket which were found to be sub-standard; and

(b) whether Government propose to order an enquiry in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in incidence of Malaria

*248. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidence of malaria is on the increase in certain parts of the country;

(b) if so, to what extent and which parts are affected; and

(c) what steps are being taken to eradicate malaria?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) to (c) Increase in the incidence of Malaria during the current year

has been reported in some parts of the Country. As per the reports received upto 31-7-1984, there have been 4,69,285 cases of malaria against 4,31,563 cases reported during the corresponding period of last year. The rise in the incidence of malaria has been reported from some districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and the Union Territory of Delhi.

2. The steps taken to control and contain malaria include spraying of insecticidies surveillance to detect cases, collection of blood smears, distribution of antimalarial drugs, a special programme for the containment of P. Falciparum and providing Malathion 25 per cent WDP on the basis of 100 per cent central assistance to States with established vector resistance.

Increase in Gujarat's quota of edible oils

*249. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to enhance Gujarat's quota of edible oils for the rest of the current year in view of the proposed increase in imports thereof and the repeated demands from various quarters from that State; and

(b) whether Government are aware that large quantities of oil find their way into the black market; if so, what preventive measures are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Requests have been received from the Government of Gujarat for enhancement of the allocation of imported edible oils to that State. As the allocation of imported edible oils is made by the Central Government on a month to month basis, these requests will be kept in view while making the allocation for the months of September and October, 1984.

(b) No, Sir. The Central Government allocates imported edible oils to State Governments for issue through fair price shops. Thus, the actual distribution of oils to consumers is the responsibility of the State Governments. In order to curb blackmarketing in essential commodities including imported edible oils, the State Governments have been armed with wide powers under Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Act, 1981 to deal with such offenders. The penal provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 have also been made more stringent with the enactment of the 1981 Act. This amending Act *inter-alia* provides for summary trials of offenders for violation of the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Instructions have also been given to States for taking action against blackmarketeers and hoarders.

Incidence of Leprosy in the Country

*250. SHRI B. KRISHNA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government propose to take to combat spread of leprosy in the country;

(b) the number of leprosy patients identified in the country so far; and

(c) the funds allotted for anti-leprosy measures during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) to (c) The combat the spread of Leprosy, Government have launched the National Leprosy Eradication Programme. The main thrust of the programme is early detection and regular treatment of Leprosy patients through a network of treatment centres.